



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, municipal government in Alabama represents the government closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, municipal government makes important decisions affecting the lives of all Alabamians which includes providing essential services such as police and fire protection, garbage collection, infrastructure installation and maintenance, utility services. All while also providing numerous recreational and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, being closest to the people, municipal government is the ultimate expression of grassroots democracy. Yet, many Alabamians do not have an understanding and appreciation of the important role municipal government plays in providing a higher quality of life in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 462 incorporated municipalities in Alabama with a broad diversity of populations. While most are small, Alabama also has several strong urban centers; and

WHEREAS, four cities have populations greater than 100,000 and 55 have a population greater than 12,000. There are 282 municipalities with a population less than 2,000; while 123 out of the 282 have a population less than 500;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 20 - 27, 2018, as

Municipal Government Week

in the State of Alabama and I encourage all Alabamians to be involved in their local municipal government, while also recognizing the importance of good government at every level, but especially on the local level.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 30th day of April 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor